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1. Station Chief: ~~Captain~~ Lehrmann
Operations Chief: ~~Major~~ Mindemann.
Chief of the Training Boat Division: ~~Lt. Cpt.~~ Froberg.
Chief of Instruction in Navigation: ~~Lt. Capt.~~ Schulze.
Chief of Staff of the Training Boat Div.: ~~1st Lt.~~ Mahnke.
Chief of the Military Police and Headquarters: ~~Lt.~~ Reimer (SSD).

The station's billeted troops are as follows:

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| 8 companies | About 120-140 privates |
| 3 companies | About 120-140 non-commissioned officers |
| 1 guard company | About 100-120 men |
| 1 "Gas-Schutz" company | About 100 men |
| Officers staff | About 60-80 men |
| Staff company (admin.) | About 100 men. |

There are arms for everybody at the station in the ammunition bunker: Carbines (Russian), Tommy guns (Russian), light machine guns (Russian), pistols P 38, and ammunition.

For training purposes there is the following in the artillery hall: 1 3.7 gun in quadruple carriage, and one in double carriage, as well as heavy machine guns.

In the harbor there are 20 10-man cutters, motor dingies, 2 light tugs, and 2 vessels of the Schwalbe type.

In the boathouse there are swimming-vests of cork and oars and rigging.

2. The Training Boat Division's Vessels

a. minesweeping vessels.

These vessels sail in order to train the KVP-See students; they mainly carry out obstruction and minesweeping service, also machine-technical (sic).

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b. 1st platoon:

2nd platoon:

3rd platoon:

These vessels are of the DELPHIN type, and mate and signal personnel is trained aboard these. There is room for 28 students besides the crew. New vessels are being built at Berliner Yachtwerft.

3. The former Training-Vessels Platoon's Boats

These vessels are described as follows: 25X1

KS-boat (Küstenschutzboot)
KS-boat, is called KS "langsam" (slow), old type
"Schnelle-Logger"
"Hochhaus"
"Hochhaus".

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The boats are equipped with old 3.7 gun, 1 SGDR (Scheerdrachengerat) with "noise-buoy"(sic) on the forecastle. This gear serves to train them in obstruction and minesweeping service.

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4. The New Minelayer Vessels

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a. These vessels are armed with 1 3.7 gun, fully automatic (Russian model), and 2 guns in quadruple carriage behind the bridge. In addition, they are equipped with obstruction and sweeping tackle for training purposes. The boats have rod-drive ("stangstyring"). They are equipped with photo-electric cell compass, with gyrocompass. The other boats mainly have liquid compasses.

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b. The demagnetisation station for all of the KVP-See vessels is located in the harbor entrance of Peenemünde.

5. Training of Mate Personnel

a. The mate personnel is instructed in terrestrial navigation, astronomical compass control, signal service, flash-, morse-, and flag-signalling, boat drills, and muster at fire stations (fire in the ship and other things).

- b. The training takes place aboard the training division's boats and minelaying vessels. In minelaying vessels [] they mainly instruct cadets from "Schwedenschanze." The same is the case aboard the flagship "Ernst Thälmann" which has its permanent place in Sassnitz.

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6. Shooting Area for KVP-See

"Adler Grund" and Tromper Wiek.

7. KVP-See has the Following Signal Stations:

- a. Tarnewitz, Dornbusch, Arkona, Stubbenkammer, Sassnitz, and Greifswalder Oie.
- b. In Stubbenkammer there is a radio station and they train signal officers from Sassnitz and signal personnel here.
- c. The other signal stations have no radio installation.
- d. Every passing vessel that belongs to KVP-See must transmit passing-report to the signal station.

8. Training in KVP-See

- a. The new students are instructed in the basic conditions of of the military training such as march drills, military courtesy, in groups, platoons, and in companies and later with carbines.
- b. The training takes place in groups of 10 men who are led by a recently appointed section leader.
- c. Four groups make up a platoon which is led by a platoon commander who almost always is a non-commissioned officer with special training.
- d. 4 platoons make up 1 company.
- e. After training with carbines (Russian), the different companies are separated for special instruction, for example as follows:

1st company: mechanical engineering.
2nd company: radio.
3rd company: artillery.
4th company: obstruction mechanics, etc.
- f. Each platoon has its permanent teacher in the individual courses until examination time. The theoretical education

is conducted as lecturer by the teacher and then self-study. In the seminary the material is reviewed once more with the teacher and students. The practical education takes place in special rooms where the special gear such as compass, engine room telegraph, rudder, etc. is demonstrated for the students.

- g. Apparatuses and instruments for the mate instruction is located in the signal tower in the harbor. As far as the other courses are concerned, they are stored in the large instruction hall.
- h. The mate personnel are taught the following courses:
Navigation, seamanship (theoretical and practical), signal service (Morse, flash, and flag signals).

1) Navigation

Training in reading and treating a compass, direction finder, engine-room telegraphy, chronometer, sextant. Reading charts, drawing routes and areas, determining positions, cross bearing, double bearing (sic), compass control.

2) Seamanship

- a) The practical training takes place aboard a cutter in the harbor. Training in rowing, in putting off and coming alongside, take soundings, throwing a heaving line, in ropes, training in climbing. There is a training mast in the harbor. Sailing.
- b) The training in theoretical boat service takes place in the boat-house. They are taught about types of boats (dingy, cutter, yawls, etc.), types of planks, the history of navigation, ropes, types of anchors, cables.

3) Signal Service

- a) Training in alphabets, signal lights, Morse, daily training with Morse lamps. Telegraphy, 60 letters per minute, national-flag-alphabet, training in flag signalling by the mast on the sports grounds.
- b) Shortly before the course terminates, the students sail in one of the schooling division's vessels. They are aboard the boats for one week and learn about the work aboard: Helms work, engine-room

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telegraphy, signal service, determination of course and position, musters (for example, man overboard, muster at fire stations, etc.). Training in putting off and coming alongside quay.

- c) They learn about the shore line, navigation marks, light houses, and carrying of lights.

9. a. The vessels usually sail in divisions; it is seldom that one vessels sails alone or in groups of 2-3. Before the sail, the route is determined by the chief and the mate personnel or according to the staff's instructions, exact determination of courses, anchorage, ports of call. The routes are in the Baltic Sea's usual routes, mainly around Rügen through Greifswalder Bodden. In bad weather, i.e. strong wind, Greifswalder Bodden is used as training area.
- b. Ports of call and night anchorage are Sassnitz, Pennemünde, more seldom Rostock, Wolgast, and Wismar. Night anchorages are: Off Dornbusch, Tanngellen ?, the approach buoy Warnemünde 1, and off Heringsdorf.
- c. They hardly ever sail at night, only under the full maneuvers.
- d. When the vessels pass a signal station, they have to make a passage report which is ciphered.
- e. Since the vessels sail together in a division, they have to act according to the division chief's instructions and not act independently. These instructions are given via signals, only seldom via radio since the radio service is not intended for this.
- f. The crews have 4 hours' service aboard, i.e. 4 hours' service, 4 hours' rest.
- g. They keep a navigation log and a ship log. In the navigation log they enter all alterations of course, position determinations. In the ship log they enter meetings with other ships, service plan, all unusual events.
- h. Nothing ever happens on the trips which always take place in the same territory, and the work is always the same. Therefore, the crews become indifferent and lose their zest for working. The sailing trips are only made in order to make the crews used to the work and the sea.
- i. They often have maneuvers, such as attacks of single vessels, defense, formation sailing.

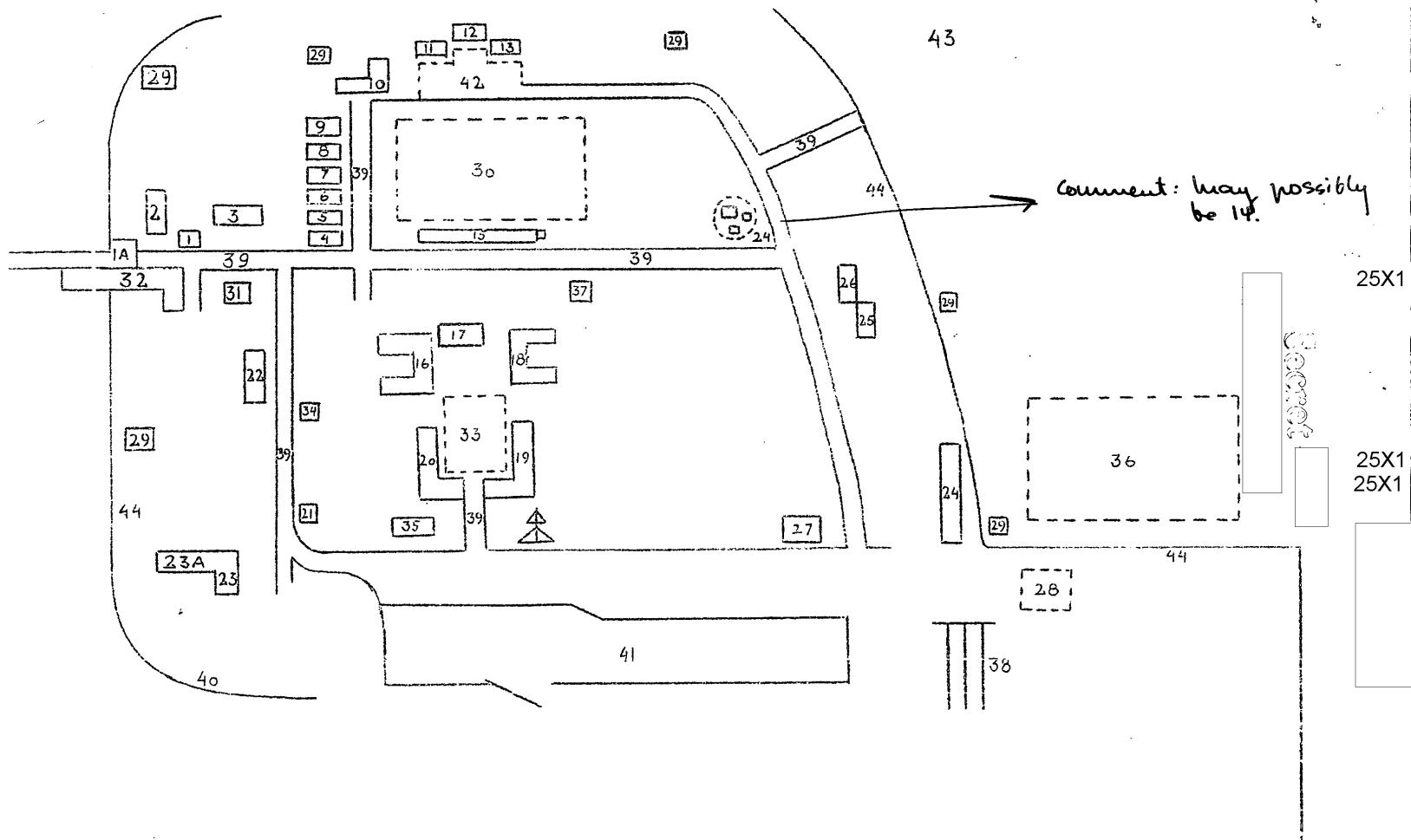
- j. During the winter months the vessels are on shipyards for overhauls. They go to Wolgast Shipyard, the KS-boats to Gehlsdorf shipyard in Rostock Harbor.
- k. They very seldom sail in the wintertime; the training takes place in the harbor and in Greifswalder Bodden. Anchorages in Greifswalder Bodden are off Wieck and Lauterbach.
- l. The KS-boats, the training vessels "Hochhaus" [redacted] the minesweepers and the vessels of the "Delphin" type call at Wieck and use it as night anchorage.
- m. The KS-boats usually train between Zinnowitz and Greifswalder Oie; in the evening they call at Peenemünde or anchor up by Ruden. 25X1
10. a. The KS-boats are divided into the following divisions: 25X1
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| 1st platoon | [redacted] |
| 2nd platoon | |
| 3rd platoon | |
| 4th platoon | |
| 5th platoon | |
- b. [redacted] 25X1
- c. The Platoon Commander or his deputy decided which boat is going to be the leading boat.
11. When the vessels come alongside the quay in the harbor, guards are set out immediately. 1 guard on the quay and 1 on the boat (on the deck). The guard aboard the boat is only seldom armed; if he is, it is with a pistol P 38. The guard on the quay has a carbine. These guards are there as long as the boats are in the harbor. When the vessels are anchored, the following guards are set out: 1 on the signal deck, 1 on the bridge, 1 by the anchor. Relief every second hour.

Explanation of Drawing

- A. Concrete road to Stralsund, about 3.5 km.
1. Jail and guard building.
- 1a. Gate with bar.
2. Administration building for P 10 (schooling boat division).
3. Store room for P 10 (boat equipment).
4. Administration building (teleprinter central, offices of the management).
- 5-9. Residential quarters.
10. Kitchens and dining halls.
11. Residential quarters.
12. Quarters of the gas protection company.
13. Residential quarters.
14. Ammunition bunker, the main part underground, a ramp outside. Here are stored carbines, tommy guns, light and heavy machine guns for all 8-10 companies. The vessels in the harbor receive their ammunition in Wolgast. The Chief of the ammunition bunker is Unterleutnant Bartz.
15. Sports hall and library.
- 16-17. Quarters of students.
18. The management of the operations section Major Lüdemann is quartered here. VVS and GVS rooms (VVS: Vertrauliche Verschluss-Sache, and GVS: Geheime Verschluss-Sache).
19. Instruction rooms.
20. Unknown.
21. Signal tower (no radio installation).
22. Quarters of officers.
23. Boat-house for sailing cutters.
- 23a. Storage room for school mines and sweeping tackle.
24. Instruction room for all courses. There is a transmitter and receiver installation here, radio, guns in quadruple and double carriages. Machine and engine hall for the machine personnel. Work-shops.
25. Garages.
26. Quarters of chauffeurs and driving office.
27. Underground tanks which continually are filled up.
28. Shifting platform for artillery. Fenced in.
29. Guard towers, occupied day and night.
30. Sports field.
31. Tank station.
32. HO-store and canteen.
33. Drill ground.
34. Cleaning installation.
35. Hospital section.
36. Training field with ditches and obstacle course.
37. GVS (Geheime Verschluss-Sachen) and "box" ("kasse").
38. Slipways.
39. Concrete road inside the station.

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- 40. Water.
- 41. Harbor.
- 42. Open place.
- 43. Parow shooting-range.
- 44. 2 m high fence which surrounds the station.



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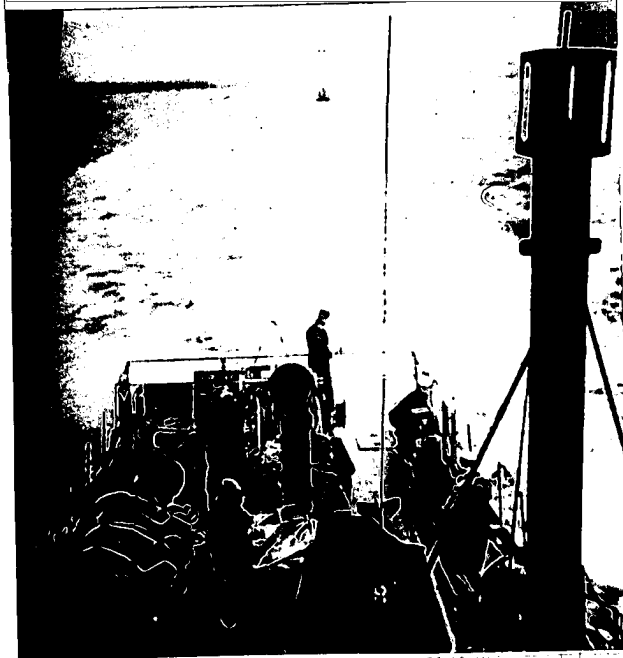
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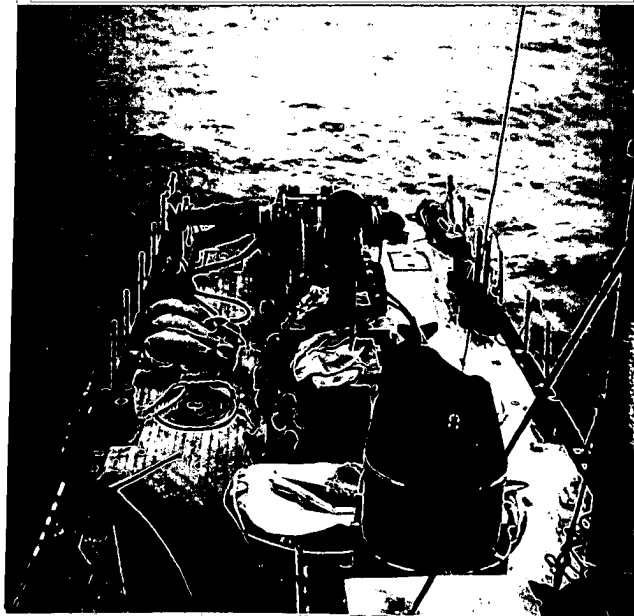


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